

**PATENT PROSECUTION  
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## 1.0 **Introduction**

Members of **LYON & HARR, LLP** have prepared and prosecuted complex patent applications for corporate clients over many years. Feedback from inventors indicates that they prefer to work with our attorneys over other firms because we are more technically knowledgeable and easy to work with. There are several reasons for this:

- Our attorneys strive to write the highest quality patents, and try to minimize the time and effort that an in-house legal team and the inventors must spend to get these applications on file and issued.
- Our ability to handle the “tough” cases involving complex algorithm-based technologies has been proven over many years.
- The attorneys of **LYON & HARR, LLP** have an excellent working relationship with our corporate clients, their staff, foreign associates, researchers and outside inventors. Inventors often ask for us by name over other counsel because we make the patenting experience an easy and pleasant one.
- Our attorneys have extensive technical education and experience.
  - Our attorneys have had years of computer, electronics, networking, and other engineering work experience prior to becoming patent attorneys.
  - Our attorneys have extensive experience in writing and prosecuting patents. In fact, all of our attorneys have ten or more years of patent prosecution experience.
- **LYON & HARR, LLP** is a small, woman-owned business that thrives in a challenging environment of changing and evolving technologies, and we are ready, willing and able to adapt to a client’s changing requirements and needs.
- ***We are the Outside Counsel that “You don’t have to worry about.”***

## **2.0 Our Expertise**

**LYON & HARR, LLP** attorneys have written and prosecuted patent applications in a variety of technological fields, and we have provided services to many major corporations. Most notably, we have acted as outside counsel for Microsoft's research department since 1998. We in particular consider ourselves to be experts at preparing and prosecuting patent applications for complex algorithm-based computer-implemented inventions.

Some of the other high tech companies that members of **LYON & HARR, LLP** have prepared and prosecuted patents for include: Northrop Grumman, Raytheon E-Systems, Applied Materials, California Institute of Technology (Caltech), Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), Lockheed-Calcomp, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and XIRCOM, among others.

A few of the technologies **LYON & HARR, LLP** has written patents in include: computer software; computer hardware and architecture; electronics; electro-optics; electro-mechanics; material sciences; satellite communications; robotics; semiconductor devices and fabrication; medical devices; infrared communications systems; signal processing, and image and audio recording and processing.

## **3.0 Our Commitment**

We at **LYON & HARR, LLP** believe a major part of our success is owed to the rapport we establish with our client's legal team and inventors. It is our goal to minimize the time and effort that a company must invest to get applications on file and issued. Inventors often ask for us by name over other outside counsel because we make the patenting experience an easy and pleasant one.

We at **LYON & HARR, LLP** also strive to be timely. For example, it is our policy to have draft applications in the hands of the inventors for review at least one month in advanced of the desired filing date. In addition, we very infrequently exceed the shortened statutory period set for responses to Office Actions.

**LYON & HARR, LLP** attorneys take great pride in writing the high quality patents in a timely manner.

**LYON & HARR, LLP** considers all of our projects and assignments to be a team effort, and we act together to provide the best possible result.

We at **LYON & HARR, LLP** can readily adapt to your procedures and requirements, and are able to quickly implement changes.

**LYON & HARR, LLP** is comfortable working on fixed fee or an hourly basis, but has offered fixed fee services for many years.

#### **4.0 Team Composition and Experience**

Our legal team consists of three registered patent attorneys, one intellectual property attorney and one technical consultant. These team members include:

##### **❖ Richard T. Lyon (Partner/Registered Patent Attorney)**

- **Professional Credentials:**
  - Admitted to California Bar, 1992
  - U.S. District Court, Central/Southern Districts of California, 1993, 1997
  - Registered to practice before U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 1992
- **Education:**
  - University of Kansas, (B.S.M.E., 1982)
  - Ventura College of Law (J.D., Valedictorian, 1992)
- **Work History:**
  - Partner, Lyon & Harr, LLP, November 1997 to present
  - Partner, Michaelson & Wallace, Ventura, California 1995-1997
  - Associate Patent Attorney, 1992-1995
  - Project Engineer, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Missile Systems Department, Port Hueneme, California, 1982-1992
- **Practice Areas:**
  - Patents
  - Trademarks

##### **❖ Katrina A. (Harr) Lyon (Partner/Registered Patent Attorney)**

- **Professional Credentials:**
  - Admitted to California Bar, 1996
  - U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 1996
  - Registered to practice before U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 1998
- **Education:**
  - Michigan State University, East Lansing, (B.S. Engineering, 1983)
  - University of Southern California, (M.S., Phi Kappa Phi, March 1989)
  - Ventura College of Law, (J.D., Valedictorian, 1996)
- **Work History:**
  - Partner and Registered Patent Attorney, Lyon & Harr, LLP, 1998 to present
  - Associate Attorney/Law Clerk, Michaelson & Wallace, Ventura, California, June 1994-May 1997
  - Project Engineer, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Test & Analysis Department, 1983-1998
- **Practice Areas:**
  - Patents
  - Trademarks
  - Copyrights
- **Additional Languages:**
  - German

❖ **Mark A. Watson (Registered Patent Attorney)**

- **Professional Credentials:**
  - Admitted to California Bar, 1997
  - Registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 1997
- **Education:**
  - California State University, Northridge, (B.S. Engineering, May 1987)
  - Ventura College of Law (J.D., January 1997)
- **Work History:**
  - Registered Patent Attorney, Lyon & Harr, LLP, February 2000 to present
  - Project Engineer, Naval Surface Warfare Center, 1987-2000
- **Practice Areas:**
  - Patents
  - Trademarks

❖ **Ashley E. Steinbach (Intellectual Property Attorney)**

- **Professional Credentials:**
  - Admitted to California Bar, 2003
- **Education:**
  - University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA (B.S. Cognitive Science, 1998)
  - University of San Francisco School of Law, (J.D., 2002)
- **Work History:**
  - Intellectual Property Attorney, Lyon & Harr, LLP, February 2003 to present
- **Practice Areas:**
  - Trademarks
  - Copyrights
  - Domain Name Disputes

❖ **Steve Ricca (Technical Consultant)**

- **Professional Credentials:**
  - Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
  - Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu engineering honor societies
- **Education:**
  - Cornell University, (M.S. Electrical Engineering, 1982)
  - Rutgers University, (B.S. Electrical Engineering, 1981)
  - Rutgers University, (B.A. Music, 1981)
- **Work History:**
  - Technical Consultant, Lyon & Harr, LLP, July 2005 to present
  - Senior Vice President of Engineering & IT, Line 6, April 2003 to June 2004
  - Vice President of Engineering - INS Edge Access Systems Business Unit, Lucent Technologies, August 1997 to January 2003
  - Chief Technology Officer, Osicom Technologies, February 1996 to July 1997

- Director of Engineering & IT - LAN & Remote Access Products Business Unit, Rockwell Network Systems, May 1991 to February 1992
- Principal Member of Technical Staff, High Speed LAN Engineering, Rockwell Network Systems, May 1991 to February 1992
- Member of Technical Staff, Medical Systems and Health Care Networks, AT&T Bell Laboratories, December 1984 to April 1991
- Member of Technical Staff, Lightwave Transmission Systems, AT&T Bell Laboratories, June 1981 to November 1984

## **5.0 Summary**

We would like to offer our high quality patent services to help grow and protect your intellectual property portfolio. More information about us is available on our web site [www.cuttingedgepatents.com](http://www.cuttingedgepatents.com) . I also invite you to search the USPTO's database for patents having Lyon & Harr, LLP as the attorneys of record (using the advanced search, type: lrep/(Lyon and Harr)).

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